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LETTER DATED 28 NOVEMBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the hostile and provocative action taken by a group of members of the British unit on board the British destroyer bearing the marking D-92 against the Iraqi fishing vessel Diyala as it was fishing in the area between Mina' al-Bakr and Mina' al-Amiq, inside Iraqi territorial waters.

At 0845 hours on 20 November 1994, the above-mentioned British destroyer approached the fishing vessel Diyala and a 12-man group disembarked from it, using two rubber boats, boarded the fishing vessel Diyala, inspected it and departed.

This illegal and provocative action by British troops constitutes a violation of Iraq's sovereignty and a breach of the provisions of the United Nations Charter and international law.

I wish to register the Republic of Iraq's protest at this hostile action, and I call on you to take appropriate steps to prevent any repetition of such conduct, which is counter to the provisions of international law and the United Nations Charter.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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